

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for an electronic mail server application on a host computer, ~~said method~~ comprising the steps of:
 - (a) checking an electronic mail message against a predetermined criteria; and
 - (b) compacting a non-attachment portion of the electronic mail message if the predetermined criteria is satisfied.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of checking is performed when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mail server application.
- 3 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of checking is performed when the electronic mail message is performed periodically on the host computer.
- Claims 4-5 (Canceled).
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

Claims 9-14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~11~~, further comprising the step of compressing the attachment.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a user's electronic mailbox on a computer, ~~said method~~ comprising the steps of:

- ~~(a)~~ checking an electronic mail message against a predetermined criteria; and
- ~~(b)~~ compressing a non-attachment portion of the electronic mail message if the predetermined criteria is satisfied, wherein the step of compressing the electronic mail message is performed by searching for repeated patterns in the electronic mail message and encoding those patterns.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of checking is performed when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mailbox.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of checking is performed upon request by the user.

Claims 24-25 (Canceled).

26. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.

27. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.

28. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

30. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the screening of the message is on a server.

31. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the screening of the message is on a client.

32. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the location of the screening of the message is configured by a user.

33. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the screening is performed periodically on the computer.

34. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the electronic mail message is compressed into a zipped file.

35. (New) A computer readable medium for managing a user's electronic mailbox on a computer comprising:

logic configured to screen an electronic mail message against a predetermined criteria; and

logic configured to, if the predetermined criteria is satisfied, compress a non-attachment portion of the electronic mail message by finding repeated patterns in the message and encoding those patterns.

36. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen when the electronic mail message is received by the electronic mailbox.

37. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen upon request by the user.

38. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, further comprising logic configured to screen periodically.

39. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises a total message size.

40. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment size.

41. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an attachment type.

42. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the electronic mail message is compressed into a zipped file.